

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In regard to the application of Erminio Moretti et al.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed Apr. 1, 2008, please  
amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.